

F.B.I. Arrests Six, One Linked to Klan, In Pontiac Bombing

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (AP) — Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested six men, including the purported leader of the Michigan Ku Klux Klan, on Federal conspiracy charges in the bombing of 10 school buses Aug. 30 in Pontiac, Mich.

Among those arrested was Robert Edward Miles of Howell, Mich., who the F.B.I. said is reportedly the grand dragon of the Michigan Realm of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

The buses destroyed in the night bombing were to have been used by the Pontiac school district to carry out a court-ordered school desegregation plan requiring busing of nearly 9,000 of the city's 24,000 public school pupils.

The F.B.I. Director, J. Edgar Hoover, said investigation by the bureau had resulted in the issuance of warrants by the United States District Court in Detroit earlier in the day. The six were charged with having conspired to violate Federal court orders and to violate the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

A complaint filed with the court in Detroit charged that the conspiracy began last July 4 when the six attended a statewide meeting of the Klan at Lake Odessa near Vassar, Mich.

Several other meetings were held to plan the bombing and a report on the incident was made to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Michigan Klan last Sunday at Miles' Farm Home, the F.B.I. said.

The complaint also said that the klansmen had discussed "additional acts of violence and destruction against the school-owned buses."

Pontiac has been the scene of strong resistance to court-ordered school busing this fall, with 23 arrests made by local officials in the three days since classes began.

Arrested in the bombing in addition to Mr. Miles, 46 years old, were Wallace Elwood Fruit, 29, of Drayton Plains, Mich.; Alexander John Distel Jr., 28, of Clarkston; Dennis Clayton Ramsey, 24, of Drayton Plains; Raymond Quick Jr., 24, of Pontiac; and Edmund Reimer of Howell.